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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW, Room TWB-204  
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Ex Parte Notice  
Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, WC Docket No. 96-45;  
In the Matter of AT&T's Petition for Declaratory Ruling That AT&T's Phone-  
to-Phone IP Telephony Services Are Exempt From Access Charges, WC  
Docket No. 02-361; Vonage Holding Company's Petition for Declaratory  
Ruling, WC Docket No. 03-211; Level 3 Communications Petition for  
Forbearance, WC Docket No. 03-266; Petition for Declaratory Ruling that  
Pulver.com's Free World Dialup is Neither Telecommunications Nor a  
Telecommunications Service, WC Docket No. 03-45; In the Matter of  
Developing a Unified Intercarrier Compensation Regime, WC Docket  
No.01-92

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On Thursday, January 29, 2004, Robert Quinn and I met with Matthew Brill, Senior Legal Advisor to Commissioner Abernathy, to discuss the upcoming recommended decision to be issued by the Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service. In particular, we discussed AT&T's proposal to limit High Cost Support to a single connection to a home or business.

As part of this discussion, we also reiterated that issues related to universal service and access charge contribution to ILEC profits (which are affected by the intersection of IP technology with the PSTN) were better addressed holistically in an intercarrier compensation reform proceeding that eliminates the access charge regime entirely rather than begin the process of importing the competition-distorting access charge regime into VoIP technology. We also explained that the Commission's failure to act in a timely manner in that proceeding was placing

undue pressure on the Commission to act in a *very* regulatory manner towards VoIP traffic.

The views set forth were consistent with AT&T's written submission in the above-referenced proceedings. One electronic copy of this Notice is being submitted to the Secretary of the FCC in accordance with Section 1.1206 of the Commission's rules.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Amy L. Alvarez". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Amy" and last name "Alvarez" clearly distinguishable.

cc: Matthew Brill